

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end, comprising:
a support member slidably connected to the shaft at a first end
of the support member with a releasable clamp; and
a guard member connected to and extending outwardly from a
second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings
projected from the head of the grass trimming device.
2. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the support member has a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft.
3. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.
4. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the guard member is made of flexible material.
5. (original) The guard of claim 1 wherein the guard is positioned at a 90 degree angle to the shaft of the grass trimming device.

6. (currently amended) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end, comprising:
a support member connected to the shaft at a first end of the support member;
a guard member connected to and extending outwardly from a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head; and
a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft of the grass trimming device;
wherein the guard is positioned at a 90 degree angle to the shaft.

7. (original) The guard of claim 6 wherein the support member is slidably connected to the shaft.

8. (original) The guard of claim 6 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.

9. (original) The guard of claim 6 wherein the guard member is made of a flexible material.

10. (cancelled).

11. (original) A guard for a grass trimming device having a shaft with a head at one end and a handle at the opposite end comprising:
a support member connected to the shaft at a first end of the support member; and

a flexible brush member connected to a second end of the support member to deflect grass clippings projected from the head.

12. (original) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member is slidably connected to the shaft.

13. (original) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member has a means for adjusting the distance between the guard member and the shaft.

14. (original) The guard of claim 11 wherein the support member further comprises a pair of support members that are spaced in parallel relation extending beyond the shaft on opposite sides of the shaft.

15. (original) The guard of claim 11 wherein the guard member is positioned at a 90 degree angle to the shaft.

16. (new) The guard of claim 6 wherein the adjustable means is a plurality of holes that are used to adjust the vertical distance between the guard member and the shaft.